school. For that very purpose I bring this to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—That animal is dead, Sir.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Even though this animal is dead, another might come in for treatment. I am told it is used as a hospital.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—If an elephant dies, it is increasing the expenditure.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It may be kept 3 or 4 miles away from the town, near some river, where you can get more water and more food materials than concentrating in the centre of the town.

President.—What is the convenience had by keeping it there?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The next door is the doctor's house. There is another aspect. Supposing that it is suffering from small-pox or cholera which is a contageous disease, no other elephants can pass through the road, without getting infection. So it may be removed 2 or 3 miles away from the town very near some river, and I think that will be a proper place and not in the heart of the town.

President.—I shall see that such inconvenience is not caused hereafter.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Treatment charges are not accounted for. The present practice is objectionable, if it is so. It is a point to be noted. Treatment charges are paid out of the hire money which, if it is so, is wrong accounting.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—It is not so. We get regular sanctions.

President.—Cut motion No. 6, Mr. M. K. Raman.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I withdraw. My object in tabling this cut motion is to put a stop to the further capture of elephants.

President.—Nos. 7, 8 and 9 are all withdrawn.

Cut motion No. 10, Dr. A. G. Menon.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I tabled this motion simply to bring to the notice of the Government that orders are pending on a petition sent by the inhabitants of Nemmara and Chittur regarding the B form. Just to give some relief to them, I request the Government to pass favourable orders as early as possible.

President.—Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are withdrawn.

The question before the House is whether Demand No. IX under "Forests" for Rs. 2,70,410 be reduced by Rs. 65,530.

The motion was put to the vote and carried. The grant was made.

Demand No. X—Tramway—Rs. 1,25,023.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a sum of Rs. 1,25,023 under "Demand No. X—Tramway."

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The main item of the Demand and of which the Members may have any doubt is the provision of Rs. 15,550 under "Locomotives". There are now in existence 6 locomotives, of which 3 are in good and efficient working order and the balance 3 are in such a bad condition that their working is dangerous. Three new boilers have, therefore, to be got down. Without the renewal of the 3 boilers, it is impossible to work the line safely.

Motion Nos. 1–5.

X. Rolling Stock.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,550 for "Locomotive".*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,550 for "Locomotive".*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,550 for "Locomotive".*

A. Maintenance of ways, works, etc.

433 Mr. S. F. Nunez.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,134 for "A—Maintenance, etc.", by one rupee.*

Tramway—Total.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1,30,100 under "Demand No. X" by one rupee.*

President.—The cut motions are to omit the renewing of boilers. Supposing we do not work the Tramway at all, then these boilers are not necessary.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Orders have been placed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Can the Head of the Department give an order without sanction?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The necessary amount was sanctioned.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—By whom, Sir, and when?

President.—What work are we to do with them?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The man who is willing to take up on contract will be prepared to pay for this, and so we can realise the amount from him.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We did not know that the order was placed, and since we are informed by the Conservator that orders have been placed for boilers and other spare parts, we withdraw the cut. In doing so, I have to say a few words. We are surprised to hear that, in anticipation of this Council's sanction, boilers have been ordered for. The constitutional issue is, when there is a votable grant, the Government will not be keeping within the law, before the votes are taken in the House, to incur a liability on that account. That means prejudging the question altogether. Whatever be the opinion of the Legislative Council, you are prepared to carry it out.

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President.—In future orders should be placed only after the budget is passed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thank you, Sir.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—When was it ordered?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In Mithunam.

President.—Did we consider about the funds?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Provision is made in 1103.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The constitutional issue may be borne in mind in future.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are dealing with the Tramway budget, and a proportionate reduction may be made in it, as the cut under 'Forest Demand' has been passed, but that I leave to the option of the Government.

When the accounts for 1101 were made up in 1102, you realised only a net profit of Rs. 1,20,243, and in 1102 I find that you are realising only Rs. 1,42,100. You have to deduct from it Rs. 16,000 and odd which, for next year, you are taking from this year, and you will get only Rs. 1,25,340, and all these include other forest produce than timber. Therefore, if you get Rs. 1,00,000 for the timber, I must say that the Government must thank their stars for it.

None of the motions being pressed, they were deemed withdrawn.

The question of granting the allotment of Rs. 1,25,023 under "Tramway" was put to votes and was carried.

The grant was made.

Demand No. XI—Registration—Rs. 43,762.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 43,762 under "XI—Registration." Considering the budget estimate for the current year, the provision is excessive by Rs. 726, and this excess is mainly under "T. A." and "Purchase and Repair of Furniture." It is more than three years now since there was a general transfer of the District Registrars. A general transfer is proposed to be effected in Edavam 1103, and the enhanced provision under "T. A." is made for meeting the additional charges on this account.

For keeping the register volumes, 7 big almirahs costing nearly Rs. 600 have to be supplied to the Registry Offices of Mulanturutti, Cochin, Kuluppalli, Irinjalakkuda, Trichur and Chelakkara. Another sum of Rs. 500 is provided for putting up record racks in the Vadakkancheri Registry Office, and the balance of Rs. 150 is provided for the repairs to the existing furniture and for the supply of some chairs, stools, etc., to some of the Registry offices.

These are the only items that call for any explanation from me, and I hope the House will sanction the amount in full.

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